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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 833  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Father Glen W. Sayers  
for his service to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary people of faith and humanity who work with purpose and conviction to make their respective communities better places to live; and

WHEREAS, Father Glen Sayers, a campus minister and priest at Tennessee Technological University, is most assuredly one such diligent public servant who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, a native of Michigan, Father Sayers was born on November 8, 1943 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering; he fulfilled a term of meritorious service in the United States Marine Corps and gallantly served his country in Vietnam as a helicopter electronics engineer; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the religious order, the Society of the Divine Savior; the organization is an International Roman Catholic Religious Society of priests, permanent

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deacons, and brothers; he entered the Salvatorian Order in January of 1992, and he professed his final vows on August 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, he was ordained a Catholic priest on November 2, 1997 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chilton, Wisconsin; Nashville's Bishop Edward U. Kmiec was among those laying hands upon him in the ancient rite; and

WHEREAS, while a deacon, Father Sayers shared his ministry with the staff of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Cookeville, St. Andrew Parish in Sparta, and Divine Savior Mission in Celina, as well as Catholic campus minister at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, his ministry has led him to serve as the associate pastor of the church and missions as well as his campus post, adding coordinator of Hispanic ministry for the Upper Cumberland area; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Father Glen Sayers has served his congregation, his denomination, Tennessee Technological University, and the greater Nashville Diocese with the utmost professionalism, faith, compassion for his fellow human beings and inspirational leadership; and

WHEREAS, Father Sayers' presence has provided a vital "spark of energy" to the congregation, and through his friendly, easygoing approach to life, he has enlivened his parishioners; and

WHEREAS, a man of great faith and love in the Lord, Father Sayers has deeply touched the hearts of those who hear his beautiful homilies and words of counsel; and

WHEREAS, the campus ministry has greatly benefited from Father Sayers' presence, and through his guidance and leadership, the Church has thrived as an active, vital and spiritually rich part of the diocese; and

WHEREAS, he has faithfully served his denomination at every level and on every possible occasion, and it is most appropriate that he be honored for his stalwart service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Father Glen W. Sayers upon his extraordinary service as a campus minister at Tennessee Technological University and to the Catholic faith. We applaud his faithful, peerless and compassionate service to God and humanity, and extend him our best wishes in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Father Sayers, with this final clause omitted.